<u>Amendments to the Specification</u>:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 31, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As mentioned above, when the power to the laser printer 1 is turned ON, the CPU 59 determines that a warm-up operation is necessary in Fig. 4 (S2:YES) and starts the warm-up operation. At this time, the motor start flag is initialized to 0. Accordingly, the main motor 65 is not driven to rotate at this point (S3:NO) after the heater 47 begins to heat the heat roller 41 until the surface temperature of the heat roller 41 reaches the cold start motor rotatable temperature T_S (that is, the main motor is not driven between points A and B in Fig. 6(a)).

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The surface temperature T_n of the heat roller 41 is increased to the toner melting temperature T_m (point B) and further to the cold start motor rotatable temperature T_s (point B). When the surface temperature T_n of the heat roller 41 is subsequently determined to be higher than the cold start motor rotatable temperature T_S (S5:YES), the motor start flag is set to 1 (S8) as shown in Fig. 6(c). Based on the motor start flag being set to 1 (S3:YES), the main motor 65 is controlled to drive in the warm-up operation (S4) (point B, Fig. 6(d)).